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Dress Reform In England-A True Heroine-The Result In Illinois-Mrs. Cleveland's Gracefulness-The "Anti" Women. A Clergyman's Views.

It has been said that Boston is one of the most clubable cities in the world, and since our women have come to their larger discretion they have followed their brothers in organizing clubs to a surprising extent. The clubs which they have organized to carry out their ideas of reform and duty and self improvement are numerous and important, and are pretty constantly discussed in the daily papers. The New England Women's Press club is one of the most notable of those and has done a great deal to advance women engaged upon the daily press in their work, and in securing for them the prestige which is at once a protection to them and an indorsement of their calling. They have become stronger as a body on account of their association together, and they have strengthened one another for their daily tasks, while their public meetings have secured to them a cordial recognition in the community. The Women's Industrial and Educational union has accomplished a great work in a hundred different lines and has brought together a large number of competent persons whose impulses and efforts needed wise direction and proper opportunity to be successful.

Among the women who have taken the lead in these clubs are two who have been so much before the public that they deserve to be mentioned in this connection. The first of these is Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, who has been foremost in this community in maintaining the woman's rank in social and intellectual life. She has brought for many years to her work both social prestige and personal power, and although entitled by length of service to withdraw from the contest in these days she is still a name to conjure by, and no woman in America is more highly honored or appreciated for her public career. Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney is a woman of distinct personality who has been ments quite as much as with the cause career she has always been "true to the kindred points of heaven and home," and although many may not accept her radical convictions all who know of her from the island. He laid all the facts work for humanity and for the elevation of women have only the heartiest praise for her efforts.

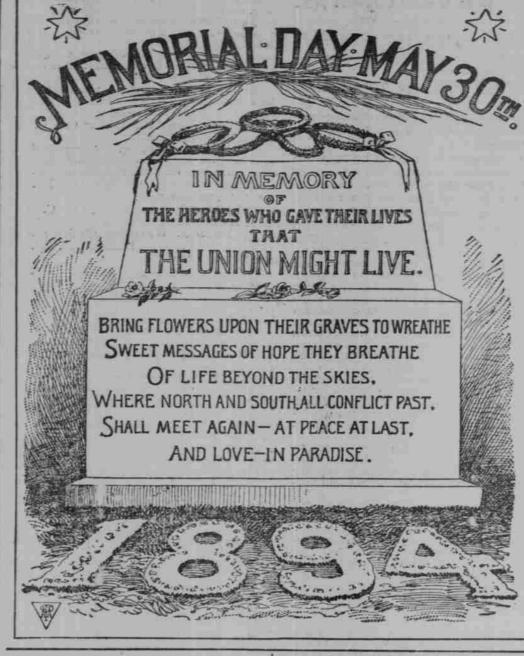
· Probably the woman who was lately taken from us-Mrs. Lucy Stone, the truly a pioneer in the woman's cause than either Mrs. Howe or Mrs. Cheney, and the influence of each of these perbetter carrying out of the plans which of their own sex and of the interests of industrial and social life. It would seem as if women had rushed into these clubs with unusual engerness. They are springing up everywhere, not only in Boston, but in the country towns. There is hardly a considerable village anywhere in which the leading women are not organized in some form of a social club, and the better they are educated thing. As these clubs now exist, the impression is that they are a helpful the energies of women in the best directions. - Boston Herald.

Dress Reform In England,

A meeting of the Healthy and Artistic Dress union, which was founded in London four years ago for the purpose of making dress "less hideous" and more hygienic in its principles, is another proof of the continued effort women are making in the direction of dress reform. All the members of the union expressed their preference in a most realistic manner, for there is a choice even in this branch of costuming, and every possible eccentricity of emancipated dress, from the simplest cycling costume to a brocade gown, was displayed on the forms, their wooden substitutes, or spread about the room.

The greater proportion of the women appeared in divided skirts, a few in the jacket and knickerbockers, and others in something they call the "rational dress," which is a species of reform which boasts of a petticoat. Those who went to the meeting on a bicycle took a turn around the room to display their different costumes, and it was generally conceded that the nearer they approached the masculine dress the better they were suited to the exercise. One conspicuous figure was a woman clad in a pale green walking suit made with drapery and a short skirt so loose that the wearer had perfect freedom. A gown which was termed artistic was made of brocaded silk, with a yoke and loosely falling skirt. Another costume, which was an original idea of the woman who wore it, resembled a barrister's robe. Sanitary corsets, stockings and petticoats were on exhibition, and also a shoe which has a division to keep the large toe in its natural position. Speeches were made on the subjects of dress and diet and exercise as a means of reducing flesh, but a physician of the sterner sex wisely said that dress reform to be successful must begin with the young who have not felt the iron bars of custom; also that girls should have the same liberty of running, jumping and playing

ball that is given their brothers. It would seem that dress reform of women might be an undertaking extensive enough to occupy all the time and exhaust the energy of its advocates, but no-with woman's characteristic desire to accomplish something just beyond her



a change in the customary evening dress for men and put them, if she can, into velveteen coats, knee breeches and silk shirts. - London Truth.

A True Heroine.

Juliet Henshaw, the trained nurse who died in Bellevue hospital, New York, recently, was a heroine. A member of the Society of King's Daughters, identified with liberal and radical move- she was the first person to respond to the call for volunteers to do the nursing at of woman, but during a long and active | Swinburne island in the cholera panic two years ago. Dr. Jenkins told that the risk was great; that the chances were she would not live to come back before her and made her see clearly just | he could give him. As the whole affair where she was going-just what she turned out, those who proposed the visit was risking. But she listened to him were fooled and not at all the supposicalmly and without any sign of fear, and when he had finished she said she spondent. contemporary of these two-was more | had thought of all that. She said some one must go, she was a nurse, and her duty lay with those helpless and uncared for sufferers. So she went to work at sons is felt today far and wide in the once, and week after week she was in female suffrage as "traitors to their organization of women in clubs for the | the midst of the plague. She slept only about three hours out of the 24, for not they have in mind for the advancement | many volunteered, and the pesthouse was full. She understood the duties of a nurse thoroughly and carried out the instructions of the physicians fearlessly and accurately. The result was that the percentage of mortality in that pesthouse where she worked and where she slept-for she never left the building -was lower than had ever been known either here or abroad. The health officer watched her with amazement, and again the more they incline to this sort of and again, when he saw that her strength was getting less and her danger therefore greater, urged her to leave. agency in concentrating and directing But she staid on to the end. She inspired the doctors with admiration, the sick people with hope and the other nurses with resolution.-Philadelphia Ledger.

The Result In Illinois,

In Illinois the first election under the new law which permits women to vote for school trustees has been held. The privilege of voting conveys with it the privilege of holding office. It is not surprising to find a number of women among the successful candidates. In Benton, Ills., these women were elected: Mrs. Jennie P. Reed, Mrs. Imogene Ward and Mrs. Emma Finnigan. In Martinsville, Ills., Mrs. Cornelia Cline McNary has been elected director of schools for three years. At Vandalia, Ills., Mrs. Emma Senneman was elected over her competitor, also a woman. Of 603 votes polled, 320 were cast by women. At Evanston, Ills., Mrs. Emma C. Clark, the wife of a Chicago lawyer, was elected. At Oak Park, Mrs. Frances Lackey and Mrs. Edward H. Pilkin were elected. At Fulton, Ills., the woman's ticket was elected, Mrs. Effic S. Hellerstrait and Mrs. Mary Lockhart being the candidates against two men.

In all the candidates, it will be observed, are married women. The greater number have their portraits published, and two have babies in their arms. The women everywhere took a lively interest in the voting, making house to house canvasses, hiring carriages to carry the voters and serving hot coffee at the polls. It was not unexpected that women would bring some innovation to the act of voting. The introduction of the coffeepot to offset the saloon is in keeping with the influence they profess to bring to the exercise of the ballot.-Chicago Letter.

Mrs. Cleveland's Gracefulness. When Mrs. Grover Cleveland was still Miss Folsom and not long out of school, she visited a cousin who was at that time living in a little inland town in New York. Boarding at the same house with herself was a youth not overburdened with brains-in fact, a good deal of a village butt. This young man came in Miss Folsom's way and was naturally introduced to her. Some days passed in her stay there, and he was conspicuously devoted in attentions that were very good naturedly received. Not very to accomplish something just beyond her long ago this same fellow went down reach she must agitate the question of to Washington on one of the many

cheap excursions. Some of his home tormentors thought it would be a good joke to propose that he should call at the White Houseand renew his acquaintance with the president's wife. He saw nothing ridiculous in the idea and followed it up. Of course Mrs. Cleveland must have taken in the whole situation at a glance. She received her caller in the kindest manner, although with perfeet dignity. He suggested that he should like to meet her husband, and she actually called the president in. Not a look nor word passed between them, but he, too, must have thoroughly understood, for he showed the guest every attention in the few minutes that titious victim. - Washington Corre-

The "Anti" Women. It does not seem to us to be a proper thing to denounce those excellent and intelligent women who are opposed to least two of the advocates of an unsexed ballot have thus denounced the antis in public speeches. The language is harsh, unfair, unwise and offensive. There can be nothing gained by it. It surely injures those who use it, while at the same time we should suppose that it must intensify the antagonism of those to whom it is applied. The antis merely entertain an opinion different from that of the pros upon a question which is yet under debate, and upon which there ought to be full freedom of judgment. They are certainly on the conservative side. They entertain the views which have been entertained by nearly all women since the beginning of time. They are apprehensive that evil may come to their sex through the very serious political innovation which is advocated by the suffragists. They do not desire any change in their relations to the state. There is no reason why they should be scolded or maligned or held up to scorn for that. When women engage in a public debate upon any subject, they ought to set an example of that courtesy which, unhappily, is not always displayed by contentious men .-New York Sun.

A Clergyman's Views.

In reply to the argument that women were taxed and ought to be represented, Rev. Isaac Haldeman, a Baptist clergyman of New York, says that woman had been represented on the field of battle, in the construction of government, on the battlefield in the preservation of that government, and by man in legislation now. The statute books were covered with evidences of special legislation in her behalf. Some of this was to the advantage of woman as against man. In respect to the right of personal property, there was more law for woman than for man, and any injustice to woman must affect man. Woman's suffrage, he declared, would evolve a type which even this fin de siecle age can well afford to spare, and would open the gateway for intrigue such as the arena of politics had never dreamed of before. The home, he thought, would be assailed in its most sacred and permanent foundations. Dissensions and jealousies would be engendered which no legislation could repeal. It would lead him to take woman at her own estimate, and as she clamored for her rights allow her to taste for herself the truth of nature's unbending law, the survival of the fit-

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